

III. REMARKS

A. Claim Status

This application was filed with 11 claims; the 11 claims were rejected in part and allowed in part. Claims 12-19 were added in a previous reply. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 11 stand rejected; claims 3-5, 7-10, and 12-19 stand allowed. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 11 have been canceled in this reply. Claims 3-5, 7-10, and 12-19 are pending and allowed, thus placing this application in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

B. Amendments To Specification

The abstract section was inadvertently omitted from the substitute specification provided with the previous reply. The abstract section has been added.

C. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 over Evans et al.

To move this application toward allowance, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2, 6, and 11, pursuant 37 CFR §1.116 (a), without regard to the content of the rejections and makes no admissions regarding same.

IV. CONCLUSION

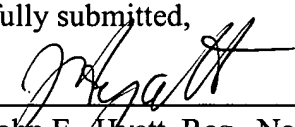
Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116 (a), Applicant has canceled the rejected claims putting the instant application in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments because the amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of and allowance of the instant application.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 011,056.

Please call the undersigned attorney, if there are any further questions prior to examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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